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1.0 Purpose:

- 1.1 To maximize the efficiency in locating medications / supplies needed for emergency situations.
- 1.2 To maintain quality contents (intact, in-date)
- 1.3 To facilitate re-stocking emergency carts after emergency situation


2.0 Policy:

The pharmacy shall ensure that a sealed Crash Cart shall be located in designated patient care areas at all times for use in medical emergencies and resuscitation to ensure quick access to appropriate emergency medications, when emergency occurs.

3.0 Procedure:

Imprest Stock: Emergency medications (minimum requirement) shall be issued from the Central Pharmacy stores and stocked in all the in-patient care areas under proper storage conditions. The floor pharmacists / the Sisters shall be responsible for safeguarding (loss & theft) and replacing the emergency medications stocked at all the inpatient areas.

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Crash cart: A master list of crash cart shall be maintained. The Crash Cart contents list shall be attached to the cart. Each entry or inspection of the crash cart shall be entered into a file maintained with each cart. After a Code the medicines used shall be listed and indent shall be placed in the name of the concerned patient by the concerned sister / floor pharmacist. The concerned sister shall inform the same to the pharmacist where floor pharmacists do not exist. The pharmacist then replaces the medicines in the crash cart and the crash cart shall be sealed. The Clinical Pharmacologist team shall check all the crash carts once in a month and the medicines that are near expiry date (before 3 months of expiry) shall be replaced and the cart shall be sealed.

4.0 Responsibility:

Physician, registered nurse, floor pharmacist / Sister in charge and pharmacy

5.0 Annexure:

5.1 Master list of Crash cart.

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